



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Via Videoconference

by

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1346 S.D. 1, Relating to Juror Compensation.

Purpose: Increases compensation for a juror or a prospective juror from \$30 to \$50 for each day of attendance at court.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary would like to thank the Senate Committee on Judiciary for considering the Judiciary's proposal to increase juror compensation from \$30 to \$50 recognizing that the last increase occurred in 1986.

The Judiciary is in support of this bill and offers the following comments on Senate Bill No. 1346 S.D. 1:

The payment for jury service under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 612 represents (1) the Legislature's acknowledgment of the sacrifice our citizenry makes to serve and (2) an expression of its appreciation for such service.

It is estimated that the increase in funding required would be approximately \$582,553 per fiscal year at a 66 percent rate (\$30 to \$50) increase, which by and large would be apportioned to jurors' per diem payments. Although the Judiciary acknowledges the benefit of increased juror



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compensation, it would as a practical matter be unable to support, much less implement, such legislation without commensurate funding by the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1346 S.D. 1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1346. Please pass this bill. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Press	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Michael Press. I am a teacher at Ilima Intermediate in Ewa Beach on Oahu. Please support and pass this bill. Mahalo!